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In re Application of  
Nigel J. Ricketts et al.  
Serial No. 10/031,813  
Filed: May 28, 2002  
For: COVER GASES

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DECISION  
ON  
PETITION  
UNDER 708.02, V

This is in response to the petition filed July 17, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be granted Special Status under Sections 708.02 (V) of the MPEP and 37 CFR 1.102(c).

The petition has been considered and found to comply with the requirements set forth under the above-noted section. Accordingly the petition is **GRANTED**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard V. Fisher".

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